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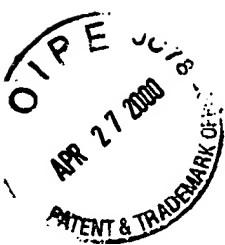
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) mailed March 3, 2000 (a copy of which is enclosed), applicant as a large entity submits herewith the following:

- A check in the total amount of \$130 for payment of the surcharge for late filing of the declaration; and
- A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR §1.63

It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are required. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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